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Washington, D.C. 20231**Via Fax (703) 305-3719****Dear Sir,****Applicant wishes to amend the specification as follows:****In the claims,****Claim 21, line 4, change "responsive" to --response--.****REMARKS**

Applicant requests clarification of the status of the August 28 office action in that on the front page it was marked non-final, however on page 8 it was listed as final. If the action was final, please consider this a request to enter the amendment above and consider the remarks below as well as the attached declaration. The attached declaration was not earlier presented because applicant did not appreciate that examiner was not properly considering what the person of ordinary skill in the art would know from the teachings in the Kirby reference of record, as evidenced